Navy Localized Messages
NRD Portland

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Global Force for Good Key Messages

The below messages are the overall Global Force for Good key messages that you are referencing when talking to recruits

America's Navy is a global force for good…and good can take many forms:

- Bombs on terrorist hide outs
- Bullets to protect innocent civilians against extremists
- Bottles of water to those in need after an earthquake
- Bachelor's degree (advanced training and education)

We protect and defend freedom around the world, and we also offer great opportunities for a great career.

And, remember…. our CNO's tenets:

Warfighting first, operate forward, be ready

All good things take GREAT people

70-80-90-100 Key Messages

You are also using the 70-80-90-100 messages more frequently in your talking points, in media interviews and when speaking to potential recruits

Sailors serve:

- From the sea…**on the land**
- In ships…**on the water**
- In submarines…**under the water**
- In planes and helicopters…**over the water**

70 – percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water
80 – percent of the world's people live near the ocean
90 – percent of all international trade travels by the sea
100 – America's Navy is always 100% on watch

Our mission is to meet America's threats far away, so those threats cannot harm us here.

Recruiting Key Messages

We have helped you localize the below messages to help you communicate the strength of the Navy across NRD Portland

Key Message 1: Forging leaders

- The Navy is more than just a top 50 employer – we forge leaders, allowing regular people to do spectacular things that will shape their future.

Key Message 2: Preparing you for lifelong success

- The Navy not only offers a greater diversity of career choices than any other branch of the services, but it also allows you to achieve educational opportunities before, during or after your Navy career, preparing you for lifelong success

Key Message 3: Making a difference

- The Navy takes you beyond the books to a world of experiences that make a difference to your country and to the world.

Key Message 4: Recruiting a Sailor, Retaining a Family

- The Navy recognizes the demands you face as a Sailor and provides timely and effective family support programs ensuring the welfare of your family - enabling you to serve and excel.

Localized Recruiting Key Messages

Key Message 1: Forging leaders

- The Navy is a far-reaching force and it has strength in Oregon, with over 23,000 Sailors, Officers and civilians stationed here, serving their country and doing spectacular things. (*This is an example for the entire NRD – you would tailor this for each state in your NRD and provide the number of Sailors, Officers and civilians stationed currently so that the public is aware of the Navy presence*)
- The Navy forges true leaders such as Builder Second Class Sean Kriloff, a local Sailor stationed in Portland for the last two years who not only serves his country, but his community as well. Deeply impacted by the death of a family member in 2003 from lymphoma, BU2 Kriloff researched ways to help and recently served as a life-saving bone marrow donor through the National Marrow Donor Program's "Be the Match" registry. *(This is an example you can tailor per rank, per recruiting rating, per local humanitarian/service project)*
- The Navy is more than just a top 50 employer – it's a calling – where we forge leaders such as LCDR xx who recruits Medical Officers to go out and use their experience and skills to serve their country – their patients. (*This is an example where you can swap the priority recruiting rating you want to profile – whether it be Medical, Dental, etc.*)
- We are proud that our Navy reflects the face of America and harnesses true diversity. In NRD Portland, we employ xx* Hispanic, African American and Asian Pacific Islander Sailors and Officers. We need more diversity in our officer ranks. Within 10 years, the Navy's ranks will be one-third minority, and reach one half by 2050. (*You could only reference Officers instead of Sailors, or include one minority group over another, if you prefer*)

Localized Recruiting Key Messages

Key Message 2: Preparing you for lifelong success

- A world beyond everyday caring. More than 4,300 physicians, 1,200 dentists and 3,900 nurses provide world-class, hands-on care in the United States Navy serving those in need. We are always searching for the best and brightest, offering tuition assistance and recruiting from top universities such as Oregon Health and Science University, University of Nevada and University of Washington School of Medicine to join the military ranks. (*This is an example focusing on medical and calling out a few universities in NRD Portland – tailor this message to the schools you recruit from and give examples of the tuition assistance available*)
- Defusing bombs, rescuing people in distress. A world of the most impossible missions made possible. More than 8,300 total Navy personnel including more than 2,300 active-duty SEALs, 600 Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewmen (SWCC), 900 reserve personnel, 3,650 support personnel and more than 880 civilians make up the Naval Special Warfare community. We are always searching for the best and brightest, offering enlistment bonuses for some priority recruiting ratings. (*This is an example focusing on Special Warfare – tailor this message to each priority recruiting rating you want to highlight and give examples of the enlistment rewards you provide*)
- America's Navy offers hundreds of career opportunities in dozens of exciting fields. Whether you're seeking a position as a Navy Physician or a Dentist, you will find unrivaled training and opportunities with the chance to achieve your education before, during or after your Navy career. *(This is an example of profiling some of the priority recruiting ratings needed in NRD Portland)*

Localized Recruiting Key Messages

Key Message 3: Making a difference

- Many young men and women join the Navy to assist in humanitarian missions. These missions take place throughout the world. The Navy can deploy a floating hospital with doctors and dentists that can respond to any crisis worldwide. Here in Washington, we are interested in recruiting men and women to join us in this mission. *(When tailoring this message, include the area you are talking about)*
- Every day our Navy men and women in uniform across the globe play an important role in keeping peace. And in Portland, this weekend as part of Fleet Week, our Sailors' mission was to sponsor a blood drive for the local community. (*This is an example of tying the Global Force for Good message to what Sailors are doing locally – insert different examples that make sense relative to the events going on in your district)*
- Oregonians, along with the rest of the American people have high expectations of the United States Navy, and the Navy consistently exceeds these expectations by providing the necessary tools and training for all Navy personnel to do their job. *(This is an example of localizing this message to make it relevant to the people of Oregon, or the people of Washington, etc.)*

Localized Recruiting Key Messages

Key Message 4: Recruiting a Sailor, Retaining a Family

- The United States Navy provides a support network of relevant services and links Navy families with these services through a variety of tools such as Fleet and Family Support Centers, social media – including Facebook, Twitter and NAVYForMoms.com and the Command Ombudsman program – a family's direct link to the command. For Navy families in Iowa, please reach out to your local Fleet and Family Support Center or network with fellow Navy moms and wives on NAVYForMoms.com *(When tailoring this message, include the specific region or area)*
- Thank you to our Navy families in Washington. The Navy recognizes the demands you face as a Sailor and is committed to ensuring the welfare of your family (*When tailoring this message, include the specific region or area)*

Oregon Data Points

- The United States is increasing U.S. exports in the coming years with aggressive goals, and with 95 percent of the world's consumers outside U.S. borders, increasing exports is an important way to spur the economy. The Navy plays a critical role in achieving these objectives.
- **Two** of the Fortune 500 ranked companies are based in cities in Oregon, (ranked in revenues):
  - Nike, Precision Castparts
- The Navy does not have a visibly strong presence in Oregon – only 1,300 Navy personnel are employed, including active duty and civilian personnel. However, the importance the Navy plays through making the waterways safe for exports is critical to the state and national economy. It's a chain reaction – the Navy makes it possible for goods to be delivered overseas, including Oregon's export shipments of merchandise which in 2012 totaled $18.4 billion.
- Oregon received $499,049 in federal funding through the Small Business Administration's State Trade Export Promotion (STEP) grant program, designed to support local and state businesses' efforts to overcome obstacles that stand in the way of accessing foreign markets.
  - he Oregon Business Development Department proposes a project that provides funding to eligible small business concerns to support their participation in international trade shows and missions.
  - Approximately 100 companies will be assisted in this manner, with the goal of generating approximately $3 million in export sales for those participating companies.

Oregon Data Points

- A total of 5,993 companies exported goods from Oregon locations in 2011. Of those, 5,332 (89 percent,) were small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), with fewer than 500 employees.
- SMEs generated over one-third (34.1 percent) of Oregon's total exports of merchandise in 2011.
- Export-supported jobs linked to manufacturing accounted for an estimated 4.8 percent of Oregon's total private-sector employment. Over one-fifth (22 percent) of all manufacturing workers in Oregon depended on exports for their jobs (2011 data latest available).
- Top 10 contractors receiving the largest contract awards (fiscal year 2009) (in thousands):
  - Daimler Chrysler AG - $538,865
  - Flir Systems, Inc. -$159,807
  - Washington Group International - $153,392
  - Silver Eagle Manufacturing Co. - $101,343
  - Shipyard America LLC - $60,300
  - J E Mcamis, Inc. - $52,158
  - Peter Kiewit Sons, Inc. - $40,969
  - Voith AG - $17,208
  - Port of Portland - $16,235
  - AVI Biopharma, Inc. - $15,509

Oregon Data Points

- The state's largest market was Canada. Oregon posted merchandise exports of $3 billion to Canada in 2012, 16.3 percent of the state’s total merchandise exports. Canada was followed by China ($2.7 billion), Malaysia ($2 billion), Japan ($1.6 billion), and Korea ($1.1 billion).
- The state's largest merchandise export category was computer & electronic products, which accounted for $6.4 billion of Oregon's total merchandise exports in 2012. Other top merchandise exports were agricultural products ($2.6 billion), machinery ($1.8 billion), chemicals ($1.6 billion), and transportation equipment ($1.2 billion).
- In 2012, the following metropolitan areas in Oregon recorded merchandise exports: Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro ($20.3 billion, portions of this MSA are shared with one or more other states), Eugene-Springfield ($482 million), Salem ($437 million), Corvallis ($282 million), Medford ($149 million) and Bend ($93 million).

Oregon Data Points

- Top Medical Schools
  - Oregon Health and Science University (#3, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Primary Care, #37, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Research, Portland, Oregon)
- Top Engineering Schools
  - Oregon State University* (#82, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools, Corvallis, Oregon)
  - Oregon Health and Science University (#114, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools, Portland, Oregon)
  - Portland State University, Maseeh
- Top Chaplain Schools
  - Corban College – (Salem, Oregon)
  - University of Portland
  - George Fox University – (Portland, Oregon)
  - Mount Angel Seminary – (Saint Benedict, Oregon)

*Indicates university with NROTC program

Oregon Data Points

- Three ships have borne the name USS *Oregon:*
  - The first U.S. warship named after the state of Oregon was a brig that served in the United States Navy from 1841 to 1845. Lieutenant Charles Wilkes purchased the American brig Thomas H. Perkins for U.S. Navy service in August 1841 at Astoria, Oregon. Wilkes, commanding the U.S. Exploring Expedition, purchased her to accommodate the officers and crew of USS *Peacock*, which had been wrecked on 18 July 1841. Renamed USS *Oregon*, the acquisition was taken to Fort Vancouver for alterations and fitting out for service with the expedition. *Oregon* sailed with the rest of the squadron on 1 October 1841 for San Francisco, California, then on to Honolulu, Hawaii. On 27 November 1841, Oregon and USS *Porpoise* were detached to explore the shoals and reefs extending west-northwest of the Hawaiian Islands, rejoining the rest of the ships in Singapore on 19 January 1842. Oregon was overhauled and repaired at New York City in June 1842, and fitted for surveying service in the Gulf of Mexico. She sailed 6 December 1842 via Charleston, South Carolina, and Tampa, Florida, and conducted surveys in the Gulf of Mexico until returning to Norfolk, Virginia, on 24 July 1843. On 21 September 1844, Oregon sailed from Norfolk to the Republic of New Granada with dispatches, returning 11 January 1845. Laid up in the Norfolk Navy Yard on 10 April 1845, she was sold soon thereafter.
  - The second USS *Oregon*, originally named *Quinsigamond*, was a *Kalamazoo* class double-turreted monitor, designed by Benjamin F. Delano. *Quinsigamond* was laid down by the Boston Navy Yard in 1864, but work on her was suspended on 30 November 1865 following the end of the American Civil War. Renamed *Hercules* on 15 June 1869, she was again renamed, *Oregon* on 10 August the same year. Designed to be built at naval yards, which lacked the facilities to construct metal-ribbed vessels, she was built with improperly seasoned timber, and left exposed to the elements. *Quinsigamond's* hull began to rot while still on the stocks and she was broken up in 1884.

Oregon Data Points

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  - The third USS *Oregon*, a 11,688-ton *Indiana* class battleship, was built at San Francisco, California. Commissioned in July 1896, at that time she was the only battleship serving on the U.S. Pacific seaboard. As the Spanish-American War approached, she was ordered to steam around South America to strengthen the forces available in the Atlantic. Upon arrival, *Oregon* served off Cuba, and had an important role in the Battle of Santiago on 3 July 1898. In late 1898, *Oregon* went to the Far East for the first of two tours of duty there that lasted until 1906, when she returned to the U.S. west coast. From 1906 until 1917, she had occasional periods of active service in the eastern Pacific. During the First World War, she guarded the Pacific coast and escorted a troop convoy to Siberia. Decommissioned in 1919, *Oregon* was loaned to the State of Oregon as a museum ship in 1925 and was later reclassified IX-22. World War II caused her to be sacrificed for the scrap steel effort, but her hull was retained as an ammunition barge and towed to Guam in 1944. USS *Oregon* was sold for scrapping in 1956.
- Oregon is proud to be home to 13 Medal of Honor recipients that span from the Civil War to the Vietnam War:
  - Coxswain Harry Delmar Fadden received a Medal of Honor for gallantry on board the USS *Adams*, rescuing O. C. Hawthorne, Landsman for training, from drowning at sea off the coast of California, 30 June 1903.

California Data Points

- The United States is increasing U.S. exports in the coming years with aggressive goals, and with 95 percent of the world's consumers outside U.S. borders, increasing exports is an important way to spur the economy. The Navy plays a critical role in achieving these objectives.
- **54** of the Fortune 500 ranked companies are based in cities in California, with Chevron, Apple, McKesson, Hewlett-Packard, Wells Fargo, Intel, Google, Cisco Systems, Safeway, Walt Disney, Ingram Micro and Oracle ranked in the top 100 (ranked in revenues):
  - Chevron, Apple, McKesson, Hewlett-Packard, Wells Fargo, Intel, Google, Cisco Systems, Safeway, Walt Disney, Ingram Micro, Oracle, DirecTV, Occidental Petroleum, Qualcomm, Amgen, Gap, PG&E Corp., eBay, Edison International, Western Digital, Health Net, URS, Jacobs Engineering Group, Visa, Synnex, Ross Stores, Gilead Sciences, Sempra Energy, Applied Materials, Reliance Steel & Aluminum, AECOM Technology, Broadcom, Spectrum Group International, Franklin Resources, Core-Mark Holding, Pacific Life, Agilent Technologies, Dole Food, Avery Dennison, Symantec, CBRE Group, Mattel, NetApp, Sanmina, Molina Healthcare, LiveNation Entertainment, Allergan, Clorox, Advanced Micro Devices, Facebook, SanDisk, Charles Schwab, Yahoo
- The Navy has a very visible presence in California, with nearly 138,000 Navy personnel employed, including active duty and civilian personnel and nine installations. The importance the Navy plays through making the waterways safe for exports is critical to the state and national economy. It's a chain reaction – the Navy makes it possible for goods to be delivered overseas, including California's export shipments of merchandise which in 2012 totaled $161.9 billion.

California Data Points

- California received $1,623,637 in federal funding through the Small Business Administration's State Trade Export Promotion (STEP) grant program, designed to support local and state businesses' efforts to overcome obstacles that stand in the way of accessing foreign markets
  - California depends heavily on STEP program assistance for its overseas trade missions for small businesses to participate in over 28 trade export promotion efforts that highlight the following sectors in global high demand: Advanced Technologies, Food & Agricultural Products, California Lifestyle, and Bio Med Manufacturing, and others.
  - Additionally, California STEP program targets assistance to eligible small businesses that are owned and controlled by one or more of the following: socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; women; veterans and/or service-connected disabled veterans; and/or, rural small businesses; that promote new-to market export opportunities to the People's Republic of China; and that promote regional, industry focused, innovation clusters through development of export opportunities small businesses.
- A total of 75,028 companies exported goods from California locations in 2011. Of those, 72,039 (96 percent) were small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with fewer than 500 employees.
- SMEs generated more than two-fifths (44.2 percent) of California's total exports of merchandise in 2011.
- Export-supported jobs linked to manufacturing accounted for an estimated 5.7 percent of California's total private-sector employment. One quarter (25.2 percent) of all manufacturing workers in California depended on exports for their jobs (2011 data latest available).

California Data Points

- Top 10 contractors receiving the largest contract awards (fiscal year 2009) (dollars in thousands):
  - Lockheed Martin Corporation - $5,827,744
  - The Boeing Company - $5,035,462
  - Northrop Grumman Corporation - $4,557,596
  - Health Net INC. - $2,818,687
  - Science Applications International - $1,619,906
  - General Dynamics Corporation - $1,610,783
  - General Atomic Technologies Co. - $1,316,280
  - Raytheon Company - $942,511
  - The Aerospace Corporation - $791,348
  - BAE Systems PLC - $679,390
- The state's largest export market was Mexico. California posted merchandise exports of $26.4 billion to Mexico in 2012, 16.3 percent of the state’s total merchandise exports. Mexico was followed by Canada ($17.4 billion), China ($14 billion), Japan ($13 billion), and Korea ($8.2 billion).
- The state's largest merchandise export category was computers and electronic products, which accounted for $44.8 billion of California's total merchandise exports in 2012. Other top merchandise exports were transportation equipment ($16.1 billion), machinery ($14.9 billion), miscellaneous manufactured products ($13.8 billion), and chemicals ($12.7 billion).

California Data Points

- In 2012, the following metropolitan areas in California recorded merchandise exports: Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana ($75.0 billion), San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara ($26.7 billion), San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont ($23.0billion), San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos ($17.2 billion), Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario ($8.0 billion), Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville ($5.2 billion),Bakersfield-Delano ($3.1 billion), Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura ($2.9 billion), El Centro ($2.8 billion), and Fresno ($2.6 billion).

California Data Points

- Top Medical Schools
  - Stanford University* (#4, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Research, #63, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Primary Care, Stanford, California)
  - University of California – San Francisco (#5, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Research, #3, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Primary Care)
  - University of California – Los Angeles* (#13, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Research, #10, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Primary Care)
  - University of California – San Diego (#16, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Research, #27, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Primary Care)
  - University of Southern California (#34, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Research, #86, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Primary Care, Los Angeles, California)
  - University of California – Davis* (#42, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Research, #24, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Primary Care)
  - University of California – Irvine (#44, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Research, #86, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Primary Care)

California Data Points

- Top Engineering Schools
  - Stanford University* (#2, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools, Stanford, California)
  - University of California – Berkeley* (#3, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools)
  - California Institute of Technology (#5, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools, Pasadena, California)
  - University of Southern California (#12, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools, Los Angeles, California)
  - University of California – San Diego* (#14, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools)
  - University of California – Los Angeles* (#16, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools)
  - University of California – Santa Barbara (#21, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools)
  - University of California – Davis* (#31, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools)
  - University of California – Irvine (#39, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools)
  - University of California – Riverside (#64, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools)
  - University of California – Santa Cruz (#87, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools)
  - California State University – Long Beach (#137, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools)
  - Santa Clara University (#137, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools)

California Data Points

- Top Chaplain Schools
  - Pepperdine University – (Malibu, California)
  - Biola University – (La Mirada, California)
  - University of San Diego*
  - University of San Francisco
  - Fresno Pacific University (Fresno, California)

*Indicates university with NROTC program

California Data Points

- Seven ships have borne the name USS *California*:
  - The first U.S. warship named *California* was a screw sloop built in 1867.
  - The second USS *California* (ACR-6), 1907-1918 (Renamed *San Diego* in 1914) was a 13,680-ton *Pennsylvania* class armored cruiser, built at San Francisco, California. She was commissioned in August 1907, and spent the next ten years serving in the Pacific. She regularly operated along the North American west coast, with occasional cruises to Hawaii and other oceanic islands. In 1912, she briefly deployed to the western Pacific for service on the Asiatic Station. In September 1914, *California* was renamed *San Diego* to make her original name available for assignment to a battleship. She frequently was employed as Pacific Fleet flagship between September 1914 and July 1917, when she was sent to the Atlantic for World War I service. *San Diego* operated as a convoy escort in the North Atlantic until 19 July 1918, when she was torpedoed and sunk off Fire Island, New York, by the German submarine U-156.
  - USS *Hauoli* (SP-249), 1917-1920 (Named USS *California* (SP-249) in 1917-18) was originally the civilian yacht *Hauoli*, built in 1903 and later renamed *California*. Hauoli, a 299-ton yacht built in 1903 at Brooklyn, New York, was purchased by the Navy in August 1917 under the name *California*. Commissioned in December 1917, she served as USS *California* (SP-249) until February 1918, when she was renamed *Hauoli*. Through 1918, she served on patrol duties in the New York area. Beginning in January 1919, *Hauoli* was employed for underwater sound experiments under the noted inventor Thomas A. Edison. She was decommissioned in October 1919 and sold in September 1920.
  - California (Motor Boat, 1910) served as USS *California* (SP-647) and USS SP-647 in 1917-1918. She was built in 1910 at San Francisco, California, for local employment as a pilot boat. She was taken over by the Navy in the spring of 1917 and placed in commission as USS *California* (SP-647). Later renamed SP-647, she served on Section Patrol duties for the rest of World War I and was returned to the San Francisco Bar Pilot's Association in November 1918.

California Data Points

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  - The fifth USS *California* (BB-44), 1921-1959 a 32,300-ton *Tennessee* class battleship, was built at the Mare Island Navy Yard, California, and commissioned in August 1921. During the 1920s and 1930s, she actively participated in the activities of the United States Battle Fleet, often acting as flagship. In 1925, *California* was one of the ships that conducted a major trans-Pacific cruise to Australia and New Zealand. With most of the fleet, California deployed to Hawaii in 1940 and was based there as tensions rose in the Pacific over the next year. When Japanese carrier planes raided Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, she was badly damaged by torpedoes and bombs, slowly settling to the harbor bottom over the next few days. Her salvage, repair and modernization represented a major undertaking by the Pearl Harbor and Puget Sound Navy Yards and was not completed until January 1944. Over two and a half years after she was sunk, *California* reentered combat, providing heavy gunfire support for the invasions of Saipan, Guam and Tinian during June and July 1944. Damaged by a "Kamikaze" suicide plane on 6 January 1945, she remained in action for more than two weeks before steaming to the U.S. for repairs and an overhaul. *California* returned to the Western Pacific in June 1945, in time to take part in the final stages of the Okinawa campaign. In December 1945, the battleship was generally inactive until her formal decommissioning in February 1947. After twelve years in the Reserve Fleet, USS *California* was sold for scrapping in July 1959.
  - The sixth USS *California* was the lead ship of the fourth class of nuclear powered guided missile cruisers in the Navy and the sixth ship in the Navy to bear the name. For ten years, she steamed the Atlantic and Indian Oceans as well as the Mediterranean Sea, serving three times with the Sixth Fleet and twice with the Seventh Fleet. In the summer of 1977, she represented the United States Surface Fleet at the Silver Jubilee Review in Portsmouth, England. In September 1983, the "Golden Grizzly" left Norfolk for the last time, steaming through the Panama Canal to its new homeport, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California. During the spring of 1986, she conducted several weeks of Bering Sea operations and became the first cruiser to visit Adak, Alaska, since World War II. In June 1994, she joined the USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) battle group in the Western Pacific for the ship's first deployment in five years. In September 1995, the "Golden Grizzly" sailed in a parade of ships through Pearl Harbor as part of the ceremony commemorating the end of World War II. The USS *California* Deactivation Ceremony was held on 28 August 1998 at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington.

California Data Points

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  - The seventh USS *California* (SSN-781) was commissioned during a ceremony at Naval Station Norfolk on 29 October 2011, becoming the Navy's eighth *Virginia* class submarine. The *Virginia* class submarines are the Navy's most modern subs. They have capabilities that allow them to perform better in shallow water than other subs and have special features to help them support special forces. The *California* cost about $2.3 billion to build and was delivered more than eight months ahead of schedule by Newport News Shipbuilding in Virginia. The ship will be home ported at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Conn.

California Data Points

- California is proud to be home to 129 Medal of Honor recipients that span from the Civil War to the War on Terror:
  - Master-At-Arms Second Class Michael A. Monsoor received a Medal of Honor for gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Automatic Weapons Gunner in SEAL Team 3, in support of Operation Iraqui Freedom on 29 September 2006. Tasked with providing early warning and stand-off protection from a rooftop in an insurgent-held sector of Ar Ramadi, Iraq, Petty Officer Monsoor distinguished himself by his exceptional bravery in the face of grave danger. In the early morning, insurgents prepared to execute a coordinated attack. Snipers thwarted the enemy's initial attempt by eliminating two insurgents. The enemy continued to engage them with a rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire. As enemy activity increased, Petty Officer Monsoor took position with his machine gun between two teammates on an outcropping of the roof. While the SEALs vigilantly watched for enemy activity, an insurgent threw a hand grenade from an unseen location, which bounced off Petty Officer Monsoor's chest and landed in front of him. Petty Officer Monsoor chose to protect his teammates. Instantly and without regard for his own safety, he threw himself onto the grenade to absorb the force of the explosion with his body, saving the lives of his two teammates. By his undaunted courage, fighting spirit, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of certain death, Petty Officer Monsoor gallantly gave his life for his country.
  - Captain William Loren McGonagle received a Medal of Honor for gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Commanding Officer of the USS *Liberty* in the Mediterranean Sea on 8 and 9 June 1967. Sailing in international waters, the *Liberty* was attacked without warning by Israeli Air Force jet fighter aircraft and Israeli Navy torpedo boats which inflicted many casualties among the crew and caused extreme damage to the ship. Although severely wounded during the first air attack, Captain McGonagle remained at his battle station on the badly damaged bridge and, with full knowledge of the seriousness of his wounds, subordinated his own welfare to the safety and survival of his command. He calmly continued to exercise command of his ship for 17 hours. Despite continuous exposure to fire, he maneuvered his ship, directed its defense, supervised the control of flooding and fire, and saw to the care of the casualties. Captain McGonagle's extraordinary valor under these conditions inspired the surviving members of the *Liberty's* crew, many of them seriously wounded, to heroic efforts to overcome the battle damage and keep the ship afloat. Captain McGonagle's professionalism, courageous fighting spirit, and valiant leadership saved his ship and many lives.

California Data Points

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  - Rear Admiral Daniel Judson Callaghan received a Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty on board the USS *San Francisco*, during action against enemy Japanese forces off Savo Island on the night of 12 - 13 November 1942. Although out-balanced in strength and numbers by a desperate and determined enemy, Rear Admiral Callaghan, with ingenious tactical skill and superb coordination of the units under his command, led his forces into battle against tremendous odds, thereby contributing decisively to the rout of a powerful invasion fleet, and to the consequent frustration of a formidable Japanese offensive. While faithfully directing close-range operations in the face of furious bombardment by superior enemy fire power, he was killed on the bridge of his flagship. His courageous initiative, inspiring leadership, and judicious foresight in a crisis of grave responsibility were in keeping with the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

Nevada Data Points

- The United States is increasing U.S. exports in the coming years with aggressive goals, and with 95 percent of the world's consumers outside U.S. borders, increasing exports is an important way to spur the economy. The Navy plays a critical role in achieving these objectives.
- **Four** of the Fortune 500 ranked companies are based in cities in Nevada (ranked in revenues):
  - Las Vegas Sands, Caesars Entertainment, MGM Resorts International, Wynn Resorts
- The Navy has a low presence in Nevada with approximately 1,500 Navy personnel employed, including active duty and civilian personnel and assets including NAS Fallon. However, the importance the Navy plays through making the waterways safe for exports is critical to the state and national economy. It's a chain reaction – the Navy makes it possible for goods to be delivered overseas, including Nevada's export shipments of merchandise which in 2012, totaled $10.3 billion.
- Nevada received $203,878 in federal funding through the Small Business Administration's State Trade Export Promotion (STEP) grant program, designed to support local and state businesses' efforts to overcome obstacles that stand in the way of accessing foreign markets.
  - The Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) in collaboration with the STEP program will continue to successfully reach small businesses throughout Nevada by directly providing funding to exporting companies in the agriculture sector.
  - The GOED will aid business with export service needs through training, trade shows, and trade missions. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a multilateral free trade agreement, will fulfill an agreement with the GOED to increase trade between the State of Nevada and Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam.

Nevada Data Points

- A total of 2,730 companies exported goods from Nevada locations in 2011. Of those, 2,327 (85.2 percent) were small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), with fewer than 500 employees.
- SMEs generated nearly one-fifth (18.6 percent) of Nevada's total exports of merchandise in 2011.
- Export-supported jobs linked to manufacturing accounted for an estimated 2 percent of Nevada's total private-sector employment. Over one-sixth (17.4 percent) of all manufacturing workers in Nevada depended on exports for their jobs (2011data latest available).
- Top 10 contractors receiving the largest contract awards (fiscal year 2009) (dollars in thousands):
  - Sierra Health Services, INC. - $527,349
  - Sierra Nevada Corporation - $502,042
  - Northrop Grumman Corporation - $53,345
  - Raytheon Company - $52,323
  - US Ordinance Inc. - $51,783
  - Chugach Alaska Corporation - $32,599
  - Day & Zimmerman, Inc.- $31,624
  - Science Applications International - $27,853
  - American Hospital Service Group - $27,646
  - General Atomic Technologies Co. - $26,270

Nevada Data Points

- The state's largest export market was Switzerland. Nevada posted merchandise exports of $3.8 billion to Switzerland in 2012, 36.8 percent of the state’s total merchandise exports. Switzerland was followed by India ($1.8 billion), Canada ($1.4 billion), China ($561 million), and Mexico ($336 million).
- The state's largest merchandise export category was primary metal manufactures, which accounted for $5.4 billion of Nevada's total merchandise exports in 2012. Other top merchandise exports were computer & electronic products ($1.4 billion), miscellaneous manufactured commodities ($1 billion), minerals & ores ($959 million), and machinery ($243 million).
- In 2012, the following metropolitan areas in Nevada recorded merchandise exports: Reno-Sparks ($2.0 billion), Las Vegas-Paradise ($1.8 billion) and Carson City ($137 million).

- Top Medical Schools
  - University of Nevada School of Medicine (Reno, Nevada)
- Top Engineering Schools
  - University of Nevada – Las Vegas
  - University of Nevada-Reno
  - Western Nevada College (Carson City, Nevada)
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Nevada Data Points

- Three ships have borne the name USS *Nevada*:
  - The first USS *Nevada* (BM-8) was an *Arkansas* class monitor built by Bath Iron Works, ME. Laid down 17 April 1899, launched as *Connecticut* on 24 November 1900, renamed *Nevada* in 1901, and commissioned 5 March 1903. She was based at Bermuda, Azores and Lisbon, Portugal at various times. The USS *Nevada* was decommissioned for disposal in January 1919.
  - The second USS *Nevada* (BB-36), 1916-1948, was first of a class of two 27,500-ton battleships, and built at Quincy, Massachusetts. She was commissioned in March 1916 and operated in the western Atlantic and the Caribbean until mid-1918, when she went to the British Isles for World War I service. *Nevada* was modernized in 1927-30, exchanging her "basket" masts for tripods. She then returned to duty with the U.S. Battle Fleet, mainly operating in the Pacific over the next eleven years. The only battleship able to get underway during the 7 December 1941 Pearl Harbor Raid, *Nevada* was the object of intense attacks by Japanese aircraft. Left in a sinking condition after receiving one torpedo and several bomb hits, she had to be beached. Vigorous salvage work and temporary repairs enabled her to steam to the U.S. west coast in April 1942. Transferred to the Atlantic in mid-1943, her 14" and 5" guns were actively employed during the Normandy Invasion in June 1944 and the Southern France operation in August and September. The battleship then returned to the Pacific, where she assisted with the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa in 1945. Though damaged by a suicide plane on 27 March and by an artillery shell on 5 April, *Nevada* remained in action off Okinawa until June 1945. She spent the remaining months of World War II in the Western Pacific, preparing for the invasion of Japan. With the coming of peace, *Nevada* steamed back to Hawaii. She was too old for retention in the post-war fleet, and was assigned to serve as a target during the July 1946 atomic bomb tests at Bikini, in the Marshall Islands. That experience left her damaged and she was formally decommissioned in August 1946. After two years of inactivity, USS *Nevada* was towed to sea off the Hawaiian islands and sunk by gunfire and torpedoes.

Nevada Data Points

- Continued…:
  - The third USS *Nevada* (SSBN 733) is the eighth ship in the *Ohio* class of Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines and the first submarine in the Navy to bear the name of the state. She has been in commission since 1986. She is a Trident Ballistic Missile Submarine homeported in Bangor, WA. The *Ohio* class submarine offers significant improvements and advantages over the POLARIS/POSEIDON programs in equipment design and it represents the most modern technology in the world.

Nevada Data Points

- Nevada is proud to be home to two Medal of Honor recipients that span from the Civil War to the Vietnam War:
  - Lieutenant Commander Bruce Avery Van Voorhis received a Medal of Honor for gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Squadron Commander of Bombing Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWO (VB-102) and as Plane Commander of a PB4Y-I Patrol Bomber operating against the enemy on Japanese-held Greenwich Island during the battle of the Solomon Islands, 6 July 1943. Fully aware of the limited chance of surviving an urgent mission, voluntarily undertaken to prevent a surprise Japanese attack against our forces, Lieutenant Commander Van Voorhis took off in total darkness on a perilous 700-mile flight without escort or support. Successful in reaching his objective despite treacherous winds, low visibility and difficult terrain, he fought a relentless battle under fierce anti-aircraft fire and overwhelming aerial opposition. Forced lower and lower by pursuing planes, he persisted in his mission of destruction. Abandoning all chance of a safe return he executed six ground-level attacks to demolish the enemy's vital radio station, installations, anti-aircraft guns and crews with bombs and machinegun fire, and to destroy one fighter plane in the air and three on the water. Caught in his own bomb blast, Lieutenant Commander Van Voorhis crashed into the lagoon off the beach, sacrificing himself in a single-handed fight and making a contribution to driving the Japanese from the Solomons. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

Idaho Data Points

- The United States is increasing U.S. exports in the coming years with aggressive goals, and with 95 percent of the world's consumers outside U.S. borders, increasing exports is an important way to spur the economy. The Navy plays a critical role in achieving these objectives.
- **One** of the Fortune 500 ranked companies are based in cities in Idaho (ranked in revenues):
  - Micron Technology
- The Navy has a visibly low presence in Idaho with fewer than 500 Navy personnel employed, including active duty and civilian personnel. However, the importance the Navy plays through making the waterways safe for exports is critical to the state and national economy. It's a chain reaction – the Navy makes it possible for goods to be delivered overseas, including Idaho's export shipments of merchandise which totaled $6.1 billion in 2012.
- Idaho received $405,128 in federal funding through the Small Business Administration's State Trade Export Promotion (STEP) grant program, designed to support local and state businesses' efforts to overcome obstacles that stand in the way of accessing foreign markets
  - The State of Idaho uses STEP funding for the Idaho Global Markets Initiative, which will focus on the Idaho Export Circuit, the International Market Access Grants (IMAG), and travel and study market promotion.
  - The aforementioned programs are meant to increase inbound matchmaking opportunities and outbound international sales opportunities in two targeted export industry sectors, benefiting those who are new to export as well as experienced exporters. IMAG funding will be given at a maximum of $10K each with a 50% match requirement by participating companies. A funding preference will be given to rural, women or veteran-owned and economically disadvantaged Idaho companies.
  - IMAG will be available in four focus areas: 1) circuit follow-up; 2) markets of a company's choice; 3) Export Tech plan execution; and 4) trade mission participation..

Idaho Data Points

- A total of 1,818 companies exported from Idaho locations in 2011. 1,525 (27.5 percent) were small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with fewer than 500 employees.
- SMEs generated over one-quarter (27.5 percent) of Idaho's total exports of merchandise in 2011.
- Export-supported jobs linked to manufacturing accounted for an estimated 5.2 percent of Idaho's total private-sector employment. Over one-sixth (18 percent) of all manufacturing workers in Idaho depended on exports for their jobs (2011 data latest available).
- Top 10 contractors receiving the largest contract awards (fiscal year 2009) (in thousands):
  - C-2 Construction, Inc. - $22,457
  - American Ecology Corporation - $15,390
  - Echelon LLC - $14,752
  - Honeywell International Inc. - $11,105
  - Mc Alvain Construction, Inc. - $6,741
  - Dawn Enterprises Inc. - $6,273
  - Performance Systems Ind. - $5,879
  - BAE Systems PLC- $3,985
  - Northcon, Inc. - $3,937
  - Starr Corporation -$3,921

Idaho Data Points

- The state's largest export market was Canada. Idaho posted merchandise exports of $1.3 billion to Canada in 2012, 21.8 percent of the state’s total merchandise exports. Canada was followed by Singapore ($963 million), Taiwan ($755 million), Korea ($572 million), and China ($468 million).
- The state's largest merchandise export category was computers and electronic products, which accounted for $2.9 billion of Idaho's total merchandise exports in 2012. Other top merchandise exports were food & kindred products ($637 million), primary metal manufactures ($415 million), and chemicals ($337 million).
- In 2012, the following metropolitan areas in Idaho recorded merchandise exports: Boise City-Nampa ($4.1 billion), Coeur d'Alene ($527 million), Idaho Falls ($281 million), Pocatello ($151 million) and Lewiston ($88 million, portions of this MSA are shared with one or more other states)..
- Idaho is proud to be home to 9 Medal of Honor recipients, but no recorded Navy recipients.

Idaho Data Points

- Top Medical Schools
  - University of Idaho, WWAMI* – (Moscow, Idaho)
- Top Engineering Schools
  - University of Idaho* (#144, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools, Moscow, Idaho)
- Top Chaplain Schools
  - Boise Bible College
  - New Saint Andrews College – (Moscow, Idaho)
  - Northwest Nazarene University – (Nampa, Idaho)

*Indicates university with NROTC program

Idaho Data Points

- Four ships have borne the name USS *Idaho:*
  - The first U.S. warship to be named in honor of the state of Idaho was a wooden steam sloop launched 8 October 1864 by George Steers of New York. Her twin-screw machinery was of a novel design by B. N. Dickerson and was built by Morgan Iron Works. She was completed in 1866 and commissioned between 2 April and 26 May. She was converted to a full-rigged sailing ship at New York and recommissioned 3 October 1867. The converted *Idaho* was one of the fastest sailing ships of her day, and sailed 1 November 1867 for Rio de Janeiro and a voyage to the Far East, arriving in Nagasaki 18 May 1868. The ship remained there for 15 months as a store and hospital ship for the Asiatic Squadron and moved to Yokohama in mid-August 1869 to prepare for the 20 September voyage back to the United States. She was hit the next day by a typhoon and was severely damaged, but the stout ship stayed afloat and was brought back to Yokohama by her crew. *Idaho* remained in the harbor until decommissioning 31 December 1873. She was sold in 1874 to East Indies Trading Co.
  - The second USS *Idaho* (BB-24), a 13,000-ton *Mississippi* class battleship built at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was commissioned in April 1908. Following operations in the Caribbean area and a period of shipyard work, she took part in the February 1909 naval review at Hampton Roads, Virginia, celebrating the Great White Fleet's return home from its World cruise. Over the next five years, *Idaho* served with the Atlantic Fleet along the U.S. east coast and in the Caribbean, also participating in the naval reviews that were at that time frequent events at New York City. She also made a voyage to England and France in late 1910 and cruised on the Mississippi River in 1911. After several months out of commission, *Idaho* returned to service in May 1914 for a midshipmen's training cruise to the Mediterranean. On 17 July she arrived at Villefranche, France, and transferred her crew to the battleship *Maine*. Decommissioned on 30 July 1914, USS *Idaho* was sold to Greece. Renamed Lemnos, she was a unit of the Greek Navy until April 1941. By that time reduced to a hulk, the old ship was sunk by German air attack at Salamis.

Idaho Data Points

- Continued…:
  - The third USS *Idaho* (SP-545), a 60-foot-long motorboat purchased by the U.S. Navy during World War I, was built in 1907 by Stearns & McKay, Marblehead, Mass. and commissioned at Cape May, N. J., 12 July 1917. She was assigned to the 4th Naval District for patrol and general duties, serving on harbor entrance patrol and submarine net patrol in the Cape May and Philadelphia areas. She was out of commission during the winter of 1917-18, and finally returned to her owner 30 November 1918.
  - The fourth USS *Idaho* (BB-42), a *New Mexico* class battleship, was the fourth ship of the United States Navy to be named for the 43rd state. Her keel was laid down by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation of Camden, New Jersey. She was launched on 30 June 1917 and commissioned on 24 March 1919. She steamed to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in July 1919 and then transited the Panama Canal to the Pacific, where she was based for the next dozen years taking part in the Battle Fleet's routine of drills and exercises. In September 1931, the battleship entered the Norfolk Navy Yard for extensive reconstruction where her "cage" masts, a distinguishing feature of American battleships of her era, were replaced with a an up-to-date tower superstructure supporting gunfire controls. She returned to the Pacific in 1935 to prepare for possible combat. With World War II raging in Europe, *Idaho* was transferred to the Atlantic Fleet in June 1941. Following the 7 December 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, she was sent back to the Pacific, arriving in January 1942. For the next year, *Idaho* operated along the U.S. west coast and in the Hawaiian area. In April 1943, she went north to the Aleutians, where she supported the landings at Attu in May and Kiska in August. She then joined the drive across the Central Pacific, taking part in the Makin landing in November 1943, the Kwajalain invasion in February 1944, a bombardment of New Ireland in March, the Marianas operation in June and July, and the assault on the Palaus in September. Following an overhaul, she returned to the combat zone in time to provide heavy gunfire support for the February 1945 invasion of Iwo Jima. *Idaho's* 14" guns were again active bombarding Okinawa from late March into May 1945. While off Okinawa, she was damaged by a "Kamikaze" on 12 April, but returned to action after brief repairs. The end of the Pacific War in August 1945 found *Idaho* preparing for the invasion of Japan. She was present in Tokyo Bay when Japan formally surrendered on 2

Washington Data Points

- The United States is increasing U.S. exports in the coming years with aggressive goals, and with 95 percent of the world's consumers outside U.S. borders, increasing exports is an important way to spur the economy. The Navy plays a critical role in achieving these objectives.
- **8** of the Fortune 500 ranked companies are based in cities in Washington, with Costco Wholesale, Microsoft and Amazon.com ranked in the top 100 (ranked in revenues):
  - Costco Wholesale, Microsoft, Amazon.com, Paccar, Starbucks, Nordstrom, Weyerhaeuser, Expeditors International of Washington
- The Navy has a very strong presence in Washington state with 23,200 Navy personnel employed, including active duty and civilian personnel and three installations. The importance the Navy plays through making the waterways safe for exports is critical to the state and national economy. It's a chain reaction – the Navy makes it possible for goods to be delivered overseas, including Washington's export shipments of merchandise which in 2012 totaled $75.6 billion.
- Washington received $1,404,930 in federal funding through the Small Business Administration's State Trade Export Promotion (STEP) grant program, designed to support local and state businesses' efforts to overcome obstacles that stand in the way of accessing foreign markets
  - Washington State's STEP activities are comprised of four major components 1) Export Washington Market Accelerator, 2) Rural Export Washington, 3) Increasing Exporter Access to Trade Finance, and 4) Export Voucher Program. Together, they represent assistance to over 400 small businesses, to generate more than $200 million in export sales.

Washington Data Points

- A total of 5,993 companies exported goods from Oregon locations in 2011. Of those, 5,332 (89 percent,) were small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), with fewer than 500 employees.
- SMEs generated over one-third (34.1 percent) of Oregon's total exports of merchandise in 2011.
- Export-supported jobs linked to manufacturing accounted for an estimated 4.8 percent of Oregon's total private-sector employment. Over one-fifth (22 percent) of all manufacturing workers in Oregon depended on exports for their jobs (2011 data latest available).
- Top 10 contractors receiving the largest contract awards (fiscal year 2009) (in thousands):
  - Daimler Chrysler AG - $538,865
  - Flir Systems, Inc. -$159,807
  - Washington Group International - $153,392
  - Silver Eagle Manufacturing Co. - $101,343
  - Shipyard America LLC - $60,300
  - J E Mcamis, Inc. - $52,158
  - Peter Kiewit Sons, Inc. - $40,969
  - Voith AG - $17,208
  - Port of Portland - $16,235
  - AVI Biopharma, Inc. - $15,509

Washington Data Points

- The state's largest export market was China. Washington posted merchandise exports of $14.2 billion to China in 2012, 18.7 percent of the state’s total merchandise exports. China was followed by Japan ($9 billion), Canada ($8.4 billion), the United Arab Emirates ($5.1 billion), and Korea ($3.4 billion).
- The state's largest merchandise export category was transportation equipment, which accounted for $38.3 billion of Washington's total merchandise exports in 2012. Other top merchandise exports were agricultural products ($12 billion), petroleum & coal products ($3.9 billion), computer & electronic products ($3.7 billion), and food & kindred products ($3.3 billion).
- In 2012, the following metropolitan areas in Washington recorded merchandise exports: Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue($50.3 billion), Mount Vernon-Anacortes ($2.0 billion),Bellingham ($1.6 billion), Longview ($1.5 billion), Yakima ($1.2 billion), Kennewick-Pasco-Richland ($883 million),Spokane ($873 million), Wenatchee-East Wenatchee ($511 million), Olympia ($318 million), and Bremerton-Silverdale ($82 million).

Washington Data Points

- Top Medical Schools
  - University of Washington* (#1, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Primary Care, #10, U.S. News Best Medical Schools: Research, Seattle, Washington)
- Top Engineering Schools
  - University of Washington* (#26, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools, Seattle, Washington)
  - Washington State University (82, U.S. News Best Engineering Grad Schools, Pullman, Washington)
- Top Chaplain Schools
  - Seattle University*
  - Whitworth University – (Spokane, Washington)
  - Seattle Pacific University
  - Faith Evangelical Seminary – (Tacoma, Washington)

*Indicates university with NROTC program

Washington Data Points

- Three ships have borne the name USS *Washington:*
  - The first U.S. warship named after the state of Washington, USS *Washington* (ACR-11), was a *Tennessee* class armored cruiser. She was laid down on 23 September 1903 at Camden, New Jersey, by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, launched on 18 March 1905, and commissioned at the Philadelphia Navy Yard on 7 August 1906. *Washington* was fitted out there until mid-November when she served as an escort for *Louisiana* (BB-19), which was then carrying President Theodore Roosevelt to Panama for an inspection of progress of work constructing the Panama Canal. *Washington* served duties along the West Coast and throughout the Pacific where she protected the U.S.'s interests during unrests and revolutions in the Dominican Republic and Haiti from 1909 until the beginning of 1916. On 9 November 1916, *Washington* was renamed Seattle and was simultaneously taken out of reserve and recommissioned for duty as flagship of the Destroyer Force. Following the U.S.'s entrance into World War I on 6 April 1917, she was fitted out at the New York Navy Yard for war service on 3 June 1917. She sailed on 14 June as an escort for the first American convoy to European waters and as flagship for Rear Admiral Albert Cleaves. She completed her ninth round-trip voyage at New York on 27 October 1918. On 1 March 1923, with Capt. George L. P. Stone in command, she became the flagship for the Commander in Chief, United States Fleet over the next four years. She was placed out of commission at New York on 28 June 1946 and was struck from the Navy list on 19 July of the same year. Sold on 3 December 1946 to Hugo Neu, of New York City, the former flagship of the United States Fleet and receiving ship at New York was subsequently scrapped.
  - The second USS *Washington* (BB-47), a 32,600-ton *Colorado* class battleship was laid down on 30 June 1919 at Camden, New Jersey, by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation. She was launched on 1 September 1921 and sponsored by Miss Jean Summers, the daughter of Congressman John W. Summers of Washington State. She was under construction at Camden when the Washington naval limitations treaty was signed in February 1922. The battleship was nearly 76 percent completed when construction ceased on 8 February 1922. Since the treaty prohibited her completion, *Washington* was subsequently used for tests of weapons effects and warship protection. Her hulk was sunk as a gunnery target in November 1924.

Washington Data Points

- Continued…:
  - The third USS *Washington* (BB-56), the second of two battleships in the *North Carolina* class was laid down on 14 June 1938 at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. Launched on 1 June 1940, *Washington* went through fitting-out before being commissioned on 15 May 1941. In early 1942, *Washington* and twenty other American ships were the first to be equipped with fully operational radar. **She has the distinction of being the only American battleship to sink an enemy battleship during World War II in a "one on one" surface engagement.** In 1942, she was sent to the North Atlantic to guard against a possible sortie by the German battleship Tirpitz, and to provide distant cover for several Iceland–Murmansk convoys. In July, she returned to the United States for an overhaul before being deployed to the Pacific in August for action against Japan, where she became the flagship of Rear Admiral Willis Augustus Lee. Two months after her arrival at Tonga in September 1942, *Washington* was tasked with intercepting a Japanese naval task force near Guadalcanal along with *South Dakota* and four destroyers. In the ensuing battle, *South Dakota* was severely damaged, but *Washington* sustained almost no damage while her guns sank the battleship *Kirishima* and the destroyer *Ayanami*. *Washington* operated as an escort for aircraft carrier task forces for most of 1943, and then bombarded Nauru in December in company with five other battleships. Around dawn on 1 February 1944, *Washington* rammed the battleship *Indiana* and incurred several fatalities when the latter was maneuvering across the formation to refuel destroyers. She entered the Puget Sound Navy Yard and did not emerge until October, after the end of the war. *Washington* was decommissioned on 27 June 1947, struck on 1 June 1960, and sold for scrapping on 24 May 1961.

Washington Data Points

- Washington is proud to be home to 33 Medal of Honor recipients that span from the Civil War to the Vietnam War:
  - Quartermaster Third Class Raymond Erwin Davis received a Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism on board the USS *Bennington*, displayed at the time of the explosion of a boiler of that vessel at San Diego, California, 21 July 1905.
  - Construction Mechanic Third Class Marvin Glen Shields received a Medal of Honor for gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with Seabee Team 1104, Mobile Construction Battalion Eleven, near Dong Xoai, Republic of Vietnam, on 10 June 1965. Although wounded when the compound of Detachment A-342, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, came under intense fire from an estimated reinforced Viet Cong regiment employing machineguns, heavy weapons and small arms, Construction Mechanic Third Class Shields continued to resupply his fellow Americans who needed ammunition and to return the enemy fire for a period of approximately three hours, at which time the Viet Cong launched a massive attack at close range with flame-throwers, hand grenades and small-arms fire. Wounded a second time during this attack, Shields nevertheless assisted in carrying a more critically wounded man to safety, and then resumed firing at the enemy for four more hours. When the commander asked for a volunteer to accompany him in an attempt to knock out an enemy machinegun emplacement which was endangering the lives of all personnel in the compound because of the accuracy of its fire, Shields volunteered for this extremely hazardous mission. They succeeded in destroying the enemy machinegun emplacement, thus undoubtedly saving the lives of many of their fellow servicemen in the compound. Construction Mechanic Third Class Shields was mortally wounded by hostile fire while returning to his defensive position. His heroic initiative and great personal valor in the face of intense enemy fire sustain and enhance the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

Washington Data Points

- Continued…:
  - Captain Albert Harold Rooks received a Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism, outstanding courage, gallantry in action and distinguished service in the line of his profession, as Commanding Officer of the USS *Houston* (CA-30), during the period 4 to 27 February 1942, while in action with Japanese enemy aerial and surface forces in the Netherlands East Indies. While proceeding to attack an enemy amphibious expedition, as a unit in a mixed force, *Houston* was heavily attacked by bombers. After evading four attacks, she was heavily hit in a fifth attack, and had one turret wholly disabled. Captain Rooks sailed within three days to escort an important reinforcing convoy from Darwin to Koepang, Timor, Netherlands East Indies. While so engaged, another powerful air attack developed which by *Houston's* marked efficiency was fought off without much damage to the convoy. The commanding general of all forces in the area thereupon canceled the movement and Captain Rooks escorted the convoy back to Darwin. Later, *Houston* carried the brunt of the battle, and her fire alone heavily damaged one and possibly two heavy cruisers. Although heavily damaged in the actions, Captain Rooks succeeded in disengaging his ship and got her safely away from the vicinity, whereas one-half of the cruisers were lost.

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